



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Evaluation of Child Outcomes Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: September 11, 2014

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

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Attendees for Joint Meeting w/ Child Development Workgroup:

Cathne Holliday, Theresa Heiny, Brenda Ragle, Nancy Swigonski, Beth Eiler, Beth Stroh, Kristin Lawson, Megan O'Sullivan, Sherry Crisbridge (sitting in for Julie Tipton), Dana Jones, Julie Whitman, Connie Sherman, Ena Shelley, Jeanne Zehr, Janice Katz, Carrie Bale, Kyle Wehmann, Rosa Hiestand, Beth Barrett, Sharon Molargik

Attendees for Evaluation breakout group:

Everyone above representing Evaluation of Child Outcomes except Dana Jones and Beth Stroh (who attended Child Development—*dual membership)

Key Topics Discussed- Joint Meeting:

1. Megan reviewed the KR Assessment Recommendation from last month
2. Preschool Development Grant: long-term plan to develop data
3. Definition of Kindergarten Readiness read aloud, comments and discussion
4. Washington State Early Learning Guidelines (wa kids)
www.k12.wa.us/wakids or www.del.wa.gov
5. Other states expanded on their definitions after creation; we wanted to be as succinct as possible, and then branch out if needed.
6. What happens next? State Early Learning Guidelines in Child Development workgroup/ Selection of a statewide KRA in Evaluation workgroup
7. Update on Guidelines: People from around the state met in August, divided into 9 teams, and workshopped current state Guidelines; they will be brought to CD workgroup group for input
8. Guidelines aren't recognized or adopted by state (only K12 are adopted); hope to have Guidelines completed by end of year and maybe an endorsement

Key Questions Raised-Joint Meeting:

1. Are there concerns about cost for PPT and Bracken?
2. Are we looking at development delays separately in terms of the KR Assessment? Or if the child has already been identified as delayed?
3. Why were both the words "competent" and "capable" used in definition?
4. How did other states use their definitions after creation?

Key Topics Discussed-Evaluation workgroup:

1. Feds brought together RTT state grantees earlier this year to discuss progress
2. North Carolina has a consortium similar to Maryland and Ohio; NC Consortium is called the K3 Consortium, NC is lead of 10 states
3. We could decide to use the assessment that EAG Consortium will use or we can learn what we can from EAG and try to morph ISTAR KR into a similar model



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4. Discussion of looking at Other States' Statewide Assessments: Which ones should we look at?
 - a. We committed to look at one state (at least) that is using Teaching Strategies Gold (7 states are using it for RTT)
 - b. Delaware has used GOLD in the most diverse ways-- only state using it to evaluate teacher performance
 - c. A state from the EAG Consortium
 - d. Beth recommends looking at Georgia: they use Work-Sampling (observation-only) and have state funded prek
 - e. We should look at FL for political reasons and they have a custom designed assessment tool
 - f. Kentucky uses Brigance--only state using it statewide
 - g. California's tool is observation-only; using West Ed (the developer that EAG Consortium is using); Illinois and Missouri are adopting the California model
 - h. Look at Washington as well as Delaware in term of states using GOLD
5. NC, DE, FL, KY, WA, OH, GA are the 7 states we will use (*CEELO documents have direct links to the states!*)
6. Cathne still hesitates with using ISTAR-KR as assessment:
 - a. Too open-ended and subjective/ she does not think it gives a whole picture, and hard to get data from it; we need more concrete results to show

Key Questions Raised-Evaluation:

1. How can we get a feel for what providers are doing in the state of Indiana?
 - a. Can we add a question about what assessment tools are being used by Indiana providers to the Workforce Study?
 - b. What about a Survey Monkey to state superintendents?
 - c. Ask Melanie and Charlie about info they have on tools being used

Action Steps:

1. Kevin will reach out to Michael Conn-Powers to see if he can come for first 30 minutes for October meeting 10:15-10:45
2. Co-chairs will assign the 7 chosen states to workgroup members
3. Kyle will develop a Google Doc chart to complete by next meeting with assessment questions for each state

Next Meeting:

Date: October 9, 2014, 10:00a-12:00p

Location: United Way of Central Indiana boardroom, 3901 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208